

Dear FCC:

I am deeply troubled by the decision of Sinclair Broadcasting to compel (literally) their TV stations to air -- as "news" -- the partisan, anti-Kerry documentary called Stolen Honor. This ploy is especially deplorable as it comes just days before the national election.

The potential damage Sinclair's move can have on our democracy is a chilling example of the problems that media consolidation can pose. I would much rather view real news derived from local developments and produced by local TV stations, rather than a clumsy partisan attempt to influence the election masked as "news," and mandated from a corporate HQ far outside my community.

In light of Sinclair's intentions -- and their potential to bring our electoral campaigns to a new low -- I strongly encourage the FCC to preempt Sinclair's actions before irreparable damage can be done, and then to strengthen media ownership regulations rather than weaken them further.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
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